



St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Malo e lelei

This week we are celebrating Tongan language week in our classrooms and have lots of fun learning planned. Thank you to Lisia's whānau for sharing their Tongan culture with us. If anyone else has any gifts to share we would love to hear from you.

We are also nearly half way through our swimming time which is wonderful. It has been great to see the children remembering their swimming togs and so keen to learn new skills in the pool. Thank you to everyone who has been helping out, it is really appreciated.

Malo 'aupito
Callan



PUPILS OF THE WEEK AWARD

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| student | Room 1 |
| David Rangī | Room 10 |
| Kyla Graham | Room 7 |



SPECIAL CHARACTER

This week is Social Justice Week.

The focus and title of the Caritas resources is SAY NO TO RACISM. WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST.

As we journey through this Social Justice Week, the key question for us to reflect on us is how are we becoming one in Christ? We can make a deliberate choice to focus on human dignity and solidarity, remembering that we are all made in God's image and God created us as one global family to support each other. The most important step for all of us, is to respond with love and acceptance, following Catholic social teaching (CST) principles, as Jesus modelled.

The poster for Social Justice Week conveys a strong message using thousands of faces to remind us that we are all part of one human family. We may be different in so many ways, but we can come together and work for justice, peace and love. The mosaic that is formed in the poster is the kowhaiwhai pattern that symbolises movement and change. Found also in the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand logo, it continually points us in new directions as we face the challenges of our complex, globalised world, grappling with issues such as racism.



LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 1

We have been very busy in Room1. We have been so excited to see the daffodils and lambs that we decided to create some Cherry Blossom Spring artwork. We are loving the warmer weather (apart from the last couple of days). We have also had Constable Fenton in talking to us about who we can go to if we need help and how to say "No." We have also been looking into road safety and how to be safe in our cars. We can't wait to go swimming next week.



LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE ROOM 12

Malo e lelei

Happy Tongan Language Week from Room 12. We have begun the week by creating some beautiful turtles based on Tongan ngatu designs. Ngatu is the Tongan name given to tapa cloth or decorated bark cloth. We used crayons and pencils to create our designs and then we dyed a sea background.

We have also published our writing about our special place. We focused on adding detail to our writing so that we could create a picture in our audience's minds. Here are a few examples of our work.

My special place is Queenstown. I see a bumpy track with black carts. I smell fresh grass beside the track. I hear birds tweeting and singing. I feel excited and cold because it is raining and windy. Queenstown is special to me because my family was happy.

By Caitlyn



My special place is Mount Cook. I see a slippery slope with gravel and grass. I smell spicy barbeque pringles with steaming soup. I hear people walking on stones while chewing. I feel exhausted while hiking up Mount Cook. Mount Cook is special to me because I like hiking and I got to spend time with my friends and whānau.

By Mikael

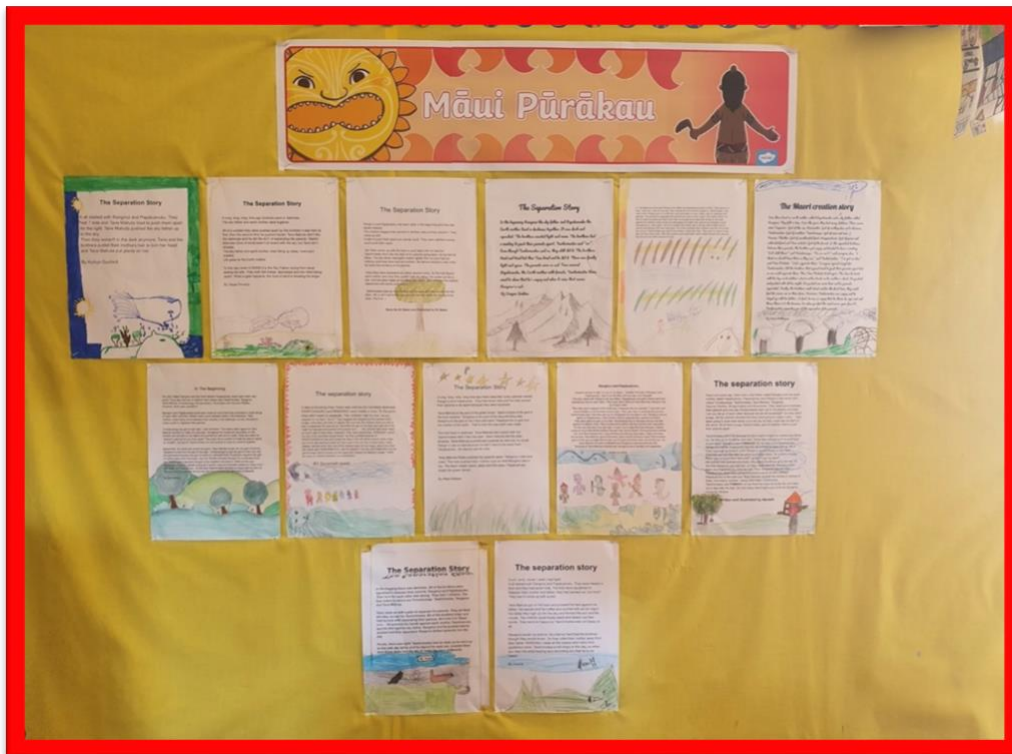


LEARNING IN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 5

Room 5 have been busy looking at Māori Pūrākau, particularly the story of the separation of Sky Father (Ranginui) and Earth Mother (Papatūānuku). We read and watched clips based on this before writing and publishing our own retells. We are pretty proud of our efforts with these.

We are also enjoying the games we are learning through Waihopaitaka. Last week we learnt all about Toheroa before playing a fun game based on the harvesting of this seafood delicacy. We learnt that Toheroa bury themselves in the sand to get away from potential dangers and in order to dig for them you must first get a permit.

Next week we are excited to begin our swimming lessons from Monday to Thursday and to continue our athletics practices on Friday.



SWIMMING SCHEDULE

Rooms 3,7,8,10,11 &13 will be swimming from 29th August to the 8th September.

Rooms 1,2,4,5,6,9 &12 will be swimming. From 12th September to the 22nd September.

Tamariki will have an early lunch and will be leaving for Splash Palace at 1:10. Your child will be in a group and have a 20-minute session per day. The first swimming group starts at 1:30, the second group starts at 1:50 and the 3rd group starts at 2:10. We will be back at school before 3.00.

We go swimming on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There is no swimming on Friday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August:

Mon 29th to Thurs 22nd Sept

School Swimming

September:

Tuesday, 27th

School Photos

Friday, 30th

Last day of the term

